



HUC SPORTS



HUC SOFTBALL LOOP TO START SEASON MONDAY

After being rained out this past week, the HUC Softball League will open its season Monday afternoon at four o'clock at the South Cedar Street playgrounds where the Swamp Outlaws meet the Philosophers in a seven-inning contest. In the second game of the afternoon, Seibel's Libels will clash with Kreckler's Wreckers.

Syd Rudman, athletic director, has announced that league managers will meet every Wednesday during the regular season at noon in Room W-17.

The following is the week's schedule:

Tuesday: Outlaws vs. Libels; Warriors vs. Wreckers.

Wednesday: Freeland Aces vs. Warriors; Wreckers vs. Outlaws.

Thursday: Aces vs. Philosophers; Libels vs. Warriors.

Friday: Wreckers vs. Philosophers; Outlaws vs. Warriors.

All games will be seven innings.

SPORT STAFF FAVORS BOSTON - ST. LOUIS

The sports staff of The Collegian has chosen Boston and St. Louis to win the pennants in the American and National Leagues, respectively. The staff choices are as follows:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

1. Boston.
2. Detroit
3. New York
4. Cleveland
5. Philadelphia
6. Chicago
7. Washington
8. St. Louis

NATIONAL LEAGUE

1. St. Louis
2. Brooklyn
3. Chicago
4. New York
5. Pittsburgh
6. Cincinnati
7. Boston
8. Philadelphia

SPORTS CHATTER What's Wrong With College Baseball?

By LEON BADEN

Inclement weather forced the HUC Intramural Softball League from opening its season last Monday but with the assistance of Mr. Weatherman, the Swamp Outlaws, led by JOHNNY RILEY, will clash with MRS. HAZELTON'S Philosophers Monday afternoon at four.... JIMMY LONGO, ace hurler for Gutsies' in the City League, will take the mound for KRECKER'S Wreckers in the game against SEIBEL'S Libels at five.

A dark horse in the loop are the Philosophers who have most of the lineup from last year's cellar-dwellers, BROADLEY'S Misfits.... The team favored to win the league pennant is the Outlaws.... Speaking of baseball, I wonder if you readers know that a certain faculty member once signed a written contract to hurl for the Atlantic City (N. J.) Bachrachs.... The Bachrachs were one of New Jersey's better colored nines.... Ask MRS. SEIBEL about it.... Little did we know that we had a second JOE "Satchel" PAIGE in our midst.... Reports have it that AL "BUSHY" DURBACK, ex-HUC student and eager, is trying out with a Philadelphia Athletic farm team at Red Springs, N. C.... Imagine that it is in a Class D circuit.... The Junior College State Champs will be initiated into the Knife and Fork League next Saturday evening when they will be guests at a banquet in their honor at O'Gara's in Conyngham.... Many prominent sports figures will be on hand to pay tribute to the best court squad ever turned out of the Center.

Bringing added recognition to the Center are JOHNNY HUTNYAN and STATZ LAGANOSKY.... Both members of the HUCsters won berths on the All-Star team of the Freeland YMCA tournament.... Hutnyan was voted as the Most Outstanding Player of the tourney.... We don't know whether HUC intends to enter any tennis competition, this year, but we have the Luzerne County singles champion here in sophomore JIMMY HOWELLS.... Well, that's all we have for now.

First Round In Ping-Pong Tourney Completed

The first round of the HUC ping-pong tournament has been completed with the following results:
(Winners in CAPS)

- HOWELLS—Maurer.
- NARROW—Balliet.
- RILEY—Meikrantz.
- SHULMAN—Pucillo.
- SHUPTAR—Sitoski.
- KLINE—Feeley.

A first round game between Bernard Carr and Don Smith remains unplayed.

If baseball's the national pastime—why has it fallen to third rank behind football and basketball on the nation's campuses? Why is it a dying sport at colleges—played by few and watched by mere hundreds?

When these questions were asked of Babe Ruth, Branch Rickey and Red Rolfe among others their answers blamed it on failures ranging from weather to baseball thievery. Let them tell it in their own words.

BABE RUTH

"What hurts college baseball is mainly the colleges themselves. While they permit our national pastime to lag on their campuses football has received such over-emphasis that one poll showed that the average salary of football coaches is twenty percent greater than professors' salaries. They offer college baseball players no publicity, no scholarships, and they rarely go out to hunt for high school talent."

BRANCH RICKEY

"A national magazine heard college baseball put the blame on organized baseball—but I've told colleges that if they'd stay out of the pro field, we'd stay out of the college field. There isn't a pro ball club in the country that doesn't have written evidence—in quantity—that some colleges have induced talented ball-players to enter school. The boys are then kept in college on such terms as we'd call professionalism."

RED ROLFE

"Back in the days when I coached Yale, I found no lack of interest in baseball. I think the situation today can be remedied—and so I'll use these columns to suggest the following points to college authorities:

1 — Organize baseball coaching staffs the way you do in football.

2 — Emphasize games with outstanding rivals, and invite certain classes to have reunions on those dates.

3 — Get better publicity for the players and games.

4 — Provide better uniforms and equipment.

5 — Support and promote the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships—since the idea of a national collegiate champion stirs the imagination, and will revive public and student interest."

Blondie: "Oh, Mike, you're so slow."

Mike: "I'm afraid I don't grasp you."

Blondie: "That's the trouble."

TWO MILLION JOBS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS

Last year a national young man's magazine surveyed the summer job field, and predicted that one million vacation-time positions would be filled by students. A recently-published government census revealed that the actual figure came to about 1,001,900.

This year that same magazine — Varsity — has surveyed the field again, and predicts that twice as many jobs will be available during the summer months of '48.

In an article that tells how and where to get these jobs Varsity splits the vacation employment field into seven categories: self-employment, governmental work, transportation, sports and entertainment, summer camps, industry, and service and trades.

According to the article in the current issue, the first two job categories offer some of the best opportunities in summer work. Jobs are open in three branches of the Department of the Interior—in the Geological Survey division (for field assistants); in the Fish and Wild Life Service (as refuge and hatchery laborers); and in the Bureau of Reclamation (for engineering aids, survey aids, draftsmen and soil specialists). Numerous other positions are open in the National Park Service, and in hotels, restaurants and concessions at these parks.

In each of the job divisions listed, Varsity Magazine points up the outstanding positions: in Transportation for example, there are airline passen-

ger-relations jobs available. In the Summer Camp field, public and settlement camps often give jobs to inexperienced applicants — although they pay less.

Job counselors interviewed by the magazine, however, almost unanimously suggested a wide-open field for self-employment: the small, one or two-man day camp. As these authorities point out in the April issue, no capital is needed—little practical experience is necessary—and when the venture is operated intelligently, returns are good. But—in this field as in the others—opportunities are going fast. So — act to get your job now!

It doesn't happen very often but here's one case on record of a batter getting a home run on a fly a fielder caught. In 1936 a Portland player hit a long fly to Outfielder Jimmy Graves, of San Francisco. Graves caught it, but as he did he backed into the outfield fence.

The fence gave way and Graves and the ball disappeared from the park. The ball having been deflected over—or through—the fence by the fielder, the batter was given a home run.

Frosh: "I call my girl friend Fur-nace."

Soph: "Why?"

Frosh: "She goes out on me if I don't watch her."